

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The paragraph beginning at line 2 of page 7 has been amended as follows:

Referring to the figures, the toolbox, container or carrier of the invention comprises a molded plastic tub 20 which serves as a carrier or container. Tub 20 has a generally rectangular, parallelepiped shape with an open top for receipt of a cover 22. The cover 22 fits on the open top of the tub or container 20 and is retained thereon by latches, for example, latch 25, in Figure 1. In the preferred embodiment the carrier includes a series of nesting trays such as tray 24 and tray 26 depicted in Figure 17. The configuration and construction of the trays 24 and 26 and the manner in which they are assembled to nest within the tub 20 is known to those with skill in the art. Trays 24, 26 are thus depicted by way of example, but not by way of limitation.

The last paragraph beginning at 9 which continues to page 10 has been amended as follows:

The telescoping members 82 and 80 may be moved to the extended position shown in Figure 7 merely by engaging the manual cross bar 84 and pulling the cross bar 84 vertically upward. By so doing, the arrangement of cams and levers, stops, detents, and the like, which are incorporated in the telescoping members 80 and 82 and on the inside of the passageway 50, provide for controlled, sequential extension of the members 82 and 80 to the position depicted in Figure 7 where those members 80, 82 become locked into position and precluded from further upward or downward movement. A single tab or lever 90 may be actuated or depressed to release the locking mechanism enabling the telescoping members 80, 82 to then be sequentially retracted into their recessed position within the passageway 50. Various stops, tabs, cams, detents, and levers control and limit the

movement of the telescoping arms 80 and 82 so that they move sequentially and are retained within the passageway 50 and can be extended merely by gripping the manual cross bar 84 and pulling upwardly. The telescoping members 80, 82 being totally enclosed and enshrouded within the passageway 50 are protected and access thereto and pinch points are significantly reduced if not eliminated.

The last paragraph at page 10 has been amended as follows:

Figures 8-16 illustrate in greater detail the sequential detent and latch mechanism associated with the telescopic handles 80 and 82. Referring first to Figure 8, the first or inner handle 80 is depicted in the recessed position within the second or middle positioned handle member 82 and both of the handle members 80 and 82 are recessed within the through passage or passageway 50 which is integrally molded in the back side or rear side 48 of the container. In the fully recessed position, the first handle or first member 80 includes a tab or lever 90 which is biased laterally by a lever arm 92 outwardly through an opening 94 in the outer[,] side of the second member 82. The lever 90 includes a catch 96 which engages the edge of the opening 94 and precludes further downward movement of the first handle member 80 which is recessed within the second handle member 82.

The paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 12 has been amended as follows:

Once the first member 80 is fully extended in the manner described, further pulling on the first member 80 (bar 84) will cause the second member 82 to extend upwardly in the passageway or channel 50. Such extension of the second member 82 within the passageway 50 is limited upwardly

by engagement of a peripheral lower rim 110 of the second member 82 which engages against a peripheral edge 112 on the inside of the passageway 50 as illustrated, for example, in Figure 12. When the peripheral rib 110 engages against the peripheral ledge 112, a biased latch member 115 on the wall of second member 82 will move upwardly and a latch extension 117 thereon will fit within a molded pocket 119 defined in the passageway 50 (see Fig. 12). Again, the component parts are sized so that when the second member 82 is in the fully extended position, the biased lever or latch 115 will engage in the pocket 119 just as the peripheral rib or rim 110 is stopped by the inwardly extending rib 112. This locks the handle member 82 into immovable position in the extended mode.